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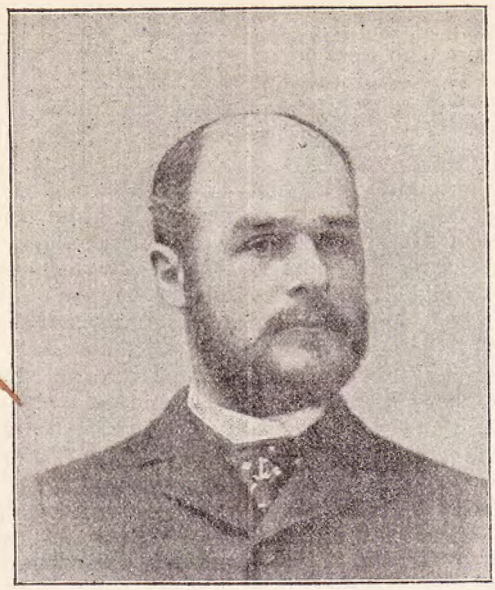

ROSWELL J. RUSSELL, M. D.

"Doc" Russell, Sons of Philatelia No. 105, the subject of our sketch first saw the light of day thirty four years ago.

After receiving an ordinary education in this country, he went to Europe at the age of twelve years, and studied in England for two years. Then going to Switzerland where he studied for a year, but finding he could complete his course more advantageously, moved to France, where he remained four years, persuing his studies. At the end of this time he passed and entered the Heidelberg Medical University, (Germany) where he remained only two years. Returning to this country, he entered the Maryland University School of Medicine, where he graduated with high honors in 1882, being at once appointed resident physician of the Bay View Hospital, Baltimore, where he served with distinction for two years. Finding that his health would not permit him to persue a general practice, "Doc" took a special course upon the diseases of the throat and lungs; graduating and moving to Hanover to adopt it as his permanent home. Dr. Russell descends from one of the oldest of Maryland families. His ancestors having served with distinction in the revolution.

He early became a collector of stamps, but never devoted any great

amount of time to the malady, as he terms it, until 1891, when his acquaintance with W. H. Emmert, the present exchange superintendent, ripened the fever and the attack took such hold upon him that he feels only death alone can effect a permanent cure.

Those collectors who were fortunate enough to be present at the 1892 convention, and meeting him, can only appreciate his good fellowship. Pleasant time was passed listening to the anecdotes of his first efforts at stamp collecting.

His ability and good judgment was often apparent, as the numerous suggestions and careful advice given at the Maiden Convention of the Sons of Philatelia. He was elected International Secretary of our Society at the supplementary election held last September, his knowledge of the foreign languages excellently fitting him for the position. He has been urged by numerous friends to accept the nomination for Presidency of our society, the prevailing argument being that the society needs an older and wiser head to steady the well laid foundations, and in Dr. A. J. Russell can be found an honest, upright gentleman, whom all his friends have been proud to meet. Some body else, some other time.

HINTS TO BEGINNERS.

Were I to give a beginner in stamp collecting advice in a single sentence that would be of the greatest benefit to him, I would choose from my own personal experience these four words! Get a standard catalogue.

It is about ten years since I read in *Our Young People*, published at Springfield Ohio, a series of articles on stamps, and from that time dates my interest in the pursuit or hobby. Shortly after I saw an advertisement offering for a few cents twenty-five or fifty foreign stamps. I sent for them and began a collection at once. The stamps were common European, but right away began the troubles that now prompts the opening suggestion. Study as I might no light would come regarding what country issued those stamps bearing the words "Magyar Kir Posta." The words "Belgique" and "Bayern" I concluded finally were meant to denote Belgium and Bavaria; likewise "Norge and Sverige" were satisfactorally disposed of. But a sticker was found in those "Helvetia" stamps, and that country omitting to name entirely and issuing stamps bearing simply a woman's head and the words "Postage—One penny" verily, thought I, had egotism enough for an Englishman, and so it really proved. At that time I knew nothing of catalogues or albums being in existence that illustrated the various foreign stamps. It was several years later, and after I had given up in despair the foreign problem and decided on collecting stamps of the United States only that I bought my first catalogue and saw how much needless worry and vexation I might have saved. Not only are the various stamps illustrated but their compartive values also are given.

At the present time albums which illustrate the principal types may be procured for small sum, but for a beginner with limited means I would not recommend a printed album, inasmuch as the incompleteness of the collection as shown by the blank spaces is likely to discourage the collector. A blank album is better, while simply a neat blank book will auswer the purpose very well until a good start of 1500 or 2000

varieties is made, when the stamps can be removed to any album the collector may have decided upon as the most suitable. The practice of starting a collection with the purchase of an elaborate album is not to be recommended, unless the collector has unlimited means at his command for filling it rapidly, which class is the exception rather than the rule.

While it is presumed that the majority of my readers are familiar with the methods of properly hinging a stamp to the album's page, I will briefly describe the process for those who are not: With the stamp in your hand, moisten half of the hinge and affix it to the back of the stamp allowing the remainder of the hinge to extend beyond the upper end of the stamp; when sufficiently dry, fold back the free half of the gummed hinge moisten and press down upon the space in the album alloted to the stamp using care that the stamp is straight and just where wanted before the mucilage dries. Then your stamp is in condition to to lift up and examine for watermark, grills, etc., and at the same time firmly fastened. Die-cut hinges may be bought ready for use, or you can get the gummed paper especially prepared for the purpose from most of the dealers and cut your own. They should be about ¼ by ⅜ inch. Ordinary gummed paper is too thick and makes a poor hinge; and like perforated hinges should never be used.

Among those stamps that may profitably be avoided by a beginner I would mention the following, bearing in mind that individual taste or fancy will largely settle this matter:

1st, stamps reprinted merely to sell to collectors which virtually includes all reprints. But there are stamps that were reprinted at one time but are no longer, and hence are growing rarer just like a regular issue; this may be illustrated by comparing the reprinted U. S. locals, Heligoland, Austrian-Italy, etc. with the reprinted regular issue and Department stamps of the U. S. It is the former class that no collector should touch.

2nd, stamps which while issued in a legitimate manner and some few perhaps used for postage, depend largely for their existence on the demand made for them by collectors. Such for instance are many if not most of the surcharged stamps and native Indian. These if collected at all should be taken only in used condition. I would advise the non-collection of *all* surcharged stamps by a beginner.

3rd, unused stamps of the Seebeck type.

There is at this date a sufficient number of genuine governmental issued stamps to satisfy most collectors without taking any of the above classes of semi-bogus issues, and if the younger collectors refuse to have anything to do with them it will do much toward lessening their number.

I trust that these few practical hints may be a help to some readers of the COLLECTOR. At the present time our papers are filled up largely with gossip, poems, stories, etc., while subjects though trifling in themselves yet important to the recruits are omitted. ALLISON.

SIDE TALKS WITH YOUNG COLLECTORS.

(Any questions of interest to the mass of young collectors, if addressed to me will be answered, in these columns, address, Roy F. Greene Arkansas City, Kansas.)

Mrs. W. D. S. —"(1)What is the distinction of the 1 cent blue of 1851 U. S. ?

(2) The 1 cent blue of 1872 I have which appear to be on *greased paper* of a yellowish color? (3) I have the 1 cent and 3 cent with a peculiar mark down through the stamp and one of each, when half looks as if it was *laid paper* the other half the same as other stamps of that issue?"

In answer to question 1 I will try to give as clear a statement as possible. The common variety of 1851 1 cent *imperforated* has outside lines to *both* labels. The other variety *has no* outside lines to either label and is supposed to have been issued in 1857 but through an error was not perforated.

The 1857 1 cent perforated common variety has full ornaments and outside lines to both labels, probably made from same plate as the common variety of 1851 but *perforated*. The perforations usually extend into outside lines of both labels. The 1857 1 cent perforated, *rare variety*, outside lines and part of ornaments wiped out to allow of the perforations without cutting into the design of the stamp.

The ornaments vary a great deal, some being partially removed and and others completely so. The extra line is either removed from both top and bottom, or from neither top nor bottom.

(2) I can form no opinion nor render any decision regarding the 1872 issue on *yellowish greased paper*.

It is likely they may have by accident came in contact with grease of some sort either before or after being placed on the envelope. In which event I am told by an advanced collector they would assume that color, as grease is inclined towards giving paper a yellowish hue.

(3) The mark down through the stamps you speak of is of little or no consequence. It is caused by worn plates used in the printing or else by badly cleaned plates.

As to the stamps on laid paper I can form no opinion. If they are on laid paper they are indeed rare. I am informed that J. D. Rice of Trenton, N. J. has a 15 cent of 1872 on *laid paper* and that is the only one I know of, the stamp you possess may have been stuck on a *ribbed* or *laid* envelope thus giving it the appearance of being on *laid paper*.

I should be glad to take a look at the stamps, which appear to be on *laid paper* and also those on *greased paper*. Send them to me *registered* I will inspect, *register* and return.

J. S. D.—*asks*: What do latest catalogues price the 10 cents Special Delivery of 1885 *unused* at? (2) I have a 12 cent black with double perforation at top. Is it worth any more or less for being so? what is it worth? (3) What is the best catalogue of U. S. revenues?

Scott, Albrecht and Parker price the Special Delivery 1885 *unused* at 25 cents.

The 12 cents doubly perforated is probably more desirable in the eyes of an advanced collector, hence it is likely that you could dispose of it for more than its catalogue value.

The 12 cent black of 1857 is priced by Albrecht at 50 cents used, 35 cents *unused*, 12 cents black of 1861 at 40c *unused*, 20 cents *used*. The 1868 issue embossed, 11x14, 50c *unused* 25c *used* embossed 9x11 $1.25 *unused*, 30c used.

As to the best catalogue of Revenues opinions differ I am inclined towards Sterling's and am sure it would prove to be what you need.

R. F. G.

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At the last regular monthly meeting of the Trustees, among other business, it was decided to invite popular subscription from the members to the fund which is necessary to successfully exhibit the Postage Stamps of the World, at Chicago this summer, and have it as a contribution from the Sons of Philatelia. As this Exhibit will in every way tend to increase our glorous hobby it is requested that every member contribute as much as they feel warranted in doing, thereby not only having the thanks of the Committee, but showing all the great feeling the members of the Sons of Philatelia have for the promotion of their hobby.

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The agitation concerning incorporation which appeared in the last two issues of our official journal, led me to make careful inquires in regard to it, and it has been found impractical, for the present at least. The American Philatelic Association was incorporated under the laws of West Virginia, which compelled them to issue stock certificates, and also makes the Society liable for taxes each year. For these reasons our society could not incorporate under those laws. Reverting to New York State, the only other state which admits societies to incorporation, it was found that the law required a majority of the directors to reside within the state—these officers then being elective—while the others would be appointive. The Society's head quarters would then practically be New York State, and it is doubtful whether the members would care for this, so we cannot have the pleasure of seeing "Incorporated" after our Society's name.

The official button has been decided upon, and the selling price will be twenty-five cents (25c). I regret that I was unable to have a cut showing the design in time for this month, but the engraving was not quite complete, it will appear next month. The design is as follows: Gold Button, about the size of a nickle—the name of the Society and date of organization in circle in gold inside the circle will be a fac-simile of a triangular Cape of Good Hope stamp, this also gold—the field will be in white enamel. It can be made in a button for the lapel of the coat; pin for the scarf; or pin for a bange; when ordering this should be stated. As this emblem will be the most significant manner of identification, and assure an immediate introduction, it is hoped that all members will wear one. Smith & Seward, 130 William St., New York are the manufacturers.

As it is nearing the time in which we hold our annual convention —the exact date cannot be set until the A. P. A. shall settle theirs—a few remarks concerning this will not be out of place. At our convention the general election for officers takes place. The nominations for these offices must be in my, or my colleagues hands before the first day of June, to be published in the June number of the 'official journal, two months before the election, as required by the constitution, all candidates must acknowledge their nomination by personal letter, as each one must bear his share of the expenses of the election, it is necessary that no one be nominated who does not intend to run for office.

In closing my remarks I wish to warn all members against too much haste in securing members. Do not indiscriminately sign your reference to a name which you have never heard before. By all means keep up the constant increase to our ranks, when our convention is called *we should have a thousand members*, but judicious care can be exercised in looking up a man's reference. In my official capacity I have received several complaints against members — let us have quality as well as quantity. RALPH P. SPOONER,
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The following members are in arrears for dues and if they do not pay up before May 1st. they will be dropped from membership and their names will be published in the next number of this paper. Nos. 3, 4, 9, 13, 19, 23, 29, 30, 31, 35, 37, 50, 51, 54, 57, 58, 63 and 74. Several others who have promised to remit are requested to do so at once or their names will also appear next month.

The matter in regard to the incorporation of the S. of P. has been placed in the hands of the Trustees.

All live philatelists are invited to join the S. of P. Initiation fee, 10c. Dues only 25c per year including a subscription to this paper. If you wish to join send me your initiation fee (10c) and I will forward you the neccessary blanks.

R. M. MILLER, Sec'y.
New Chester, Adams Co., Pa.

Exchange Sup't Report.

The demand this month for stamps has been greater than ever before. My supply at the present having run down to two new books a few filled sheets and a few old books which have been on from one to five circuits. The supply of new books have been large numbering 16 valued at $755.12 but not large enough to supply the cry for stamps. There are a great number of members on my circuit list who have not yet received books but who will have to wait until I can supply them. The sales for the month of March have reached the sum of $101.60 and the number of blank sheets sold have been 90.

The collection of bills have been coming in too slow for me to pay off accounts as fast as I would wish, but money has been going out as fast as it comes in, to pay accounts due members.

Blank Exchange sheets with rules printed on back 5c each or 6 for 25c.

W. H. EMMERT, Ex. Supt.
New Oxford, Pa., Apr. 1, 1893.

Librarians Report.

When the library was turned over to me by the former libarian on December 20th 1892 I find by inventory there were 213 pieces then in the library. Very few volumes complete and not a cloth bound volume in the whole library.

The library at present consists of 667 pieces showing a gain in 3 months of 454 pieces or over two-thirds of the whole number in the library. I have completed several volumes and bound them together while not substantal nor very artistic they are much easier handled and assume a much better appearance. One nice cloth bound volume is in the library thanks to

a kind donation and many rare pieces of philatelic literature.

The following have been received since my last report in January:

Cleve Scott, 28 pieces and a file of the "Nebraska Stamp."

Fred M. Townley, 20 pieces.

J. C Miller, 98 pieces.

E. P. Newcomer, 24 pieces and a copy of "10 Days with a Modern Stamp Dealer."

Charles Peugh, 16 pieces.

David D. Cressman, 39 pieces.

J. S. O'Meara, 4 pieces.

B. E. Ludwig, 10 pieces.

C. C. Sloan, 6 pieces.

Edgar Pilic Jr., 109 pieces and one bound volume of the "Post Office" and a volume complete "Chicago Stamp News."

J. M. Tompson, 3 pieces.

One lot of 24 pieces post marked Elora (?) Tennessee.

Complete file "Collectors Press" from J. C. Weckert.

Complete file of "Florida Philatelist" from Dan. E. Hazen.

Complete file of "Collector" from R. M. Miller.

Complete file of "New Jersey Philatelist" from T. G. Kitchin.

I thank all those who have aided me in the past to build up a library second to no other society and hope they will remember this branch of our great organization in the future.

I have had several requests for the "History of the Postage Stamps of the United States" by John K. Tiffany. I had to turn these away. It is a book we much need. Will some one donate it?

As a number of duplicate papers have accumulated I have thought it advisable to enter into exchange relations with literature collectors and thus exchange our duplicates for something we have not got or else put these duplicates in our auction sales and with the money received buy some needed books for the library, all of which is respectfully submitted.

ROY F. GREENE *Librarian.*

Arkansas City, Kan.

Branch Societies.

NEW YORK. BRANCH, NO. 1.

The eighteenth regular meeting was held Feb. 9th with 21 members and 4 vistors present. Messrs. M. N. McLellan, J. D. Rice, D. E. Leeper and C. M. Breder were elected and Messrs. Nicholas Glock, J. B. Faunce, J. B. and W. F. Flynn were proposed for membership. The auction sale as usual was very successful as there was much lively bidding for the sixty lots offered. After the sale considerable exchanging and philatelic talk was indulged in.

The nineteenth regular meeting was held Feb. 23, 20 members and 4 visitors being present. Mr. C. W. Grevning the Ex. Supt. made a report showing a total of $293.30 worth of stamps received. A vote of thanks was passed to that gentleman for the able manner he carried on the ex. dept. Messrs. J. B. Faunce, N. Glock, J. B. and W. F. Flynn were elected and Messrs. A. R. Rogers, J. A. Kuntz, J. K. Handy Jr. and A. Poillon were proposed for membership. Auction sale of 40 lots followed.

All philatelists, whether S. of P. members or not are invited to attend. Meetings are held every second Tuesday at 37 W. 32nd St., N. Y. City. Futher information can be obtained of RAMSAY PRUGNET, Sec'y.

Fordham, N. Y. City.

BALTIMORE BRANCH, NO. 5.

The eleventh regular meeting was called to order by Pres. Lenz on Mar. 20th. The report of special committee to look for a new meeting place was read, Committee was continued, to report again at our next meeting. Motion was made and carried to have debates at our meetings. Mr. Schaefer was appointed to the place. Three new members were admitted. Meeting adjourned with 21 members and 3 visitors present. LEWIS M. LANG, Sec'y.

513 McMechen St., Balto., Md.

BUFFALO (N. Y.) BRANCH, NO. 10.

The third regular meeting was held Feb. 13th at the residence of Pres. Hoyt, with eight present, including two new members. It was decided to establish two new offices, a sale and an auction depts. After the meeting, the members spent some time in exchanging stamps.

The fourth regular meeting was held Feb. 28th at the residence of Mr. A. L. Becker, owing to the bad weather but few were present. Two new members were elected. Upon motion it was decided to withold the election of officers for the two new depts. until the next meeting.

DWIGHT COMSTOCK, Sec'y.

45 Lexington Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

LANCASTER (PA.) BRANCH, NO. 13.

The first regular meeting was called to order by Pres. Weaver on Mar. 16, in Congress Hall, Y. M. C. A. bldg. Six members being present. W. H. Welchans, and J. W. Swank were elected to membership. The following officers were then elected: Pres. E. E. Weaver; Vice-Pres., W. E. Hoffheins; Sec'y, J. Edw. Gentenbein; Treas., W. H. Welchans. After a

short discussion on various subjects the meeting adjourned.

J. EDW. GENTENBEIN, Sec'y.
526 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa.

Report Of The World's Fair Committee.

The World's Fair Executive Committee of the American Philatelic Association have at last completed the preliminary work and are now ready to announce the result of their work for the past year.

Meetings were held on Feb. 23rd and 27th in N. Y. City, and all the members were present at these meetings. It was the hope of the committee that the Government would not only furnish space in the Government Building for the display, but would also assist the Collectors in securing the necessary cases; but the only fund from which this money could be drawn, was exhausted by other needs of the P. O. Department and the Collectors have to shoulder the burden alone. The estimated expense of the exhibit is $3000. but the Committee believe that that amount can be raised by voluntary subscription from the Collectors of the U. S. and Canada.

A large number of Sub-Committees have been appointed and others are yet to be appointed, each Committee having charge of certain countries, and it will be their duty to see that the collections of stamps of these coutries are secured, properly mounted, and delivered to the General Committee.

At the present writing over $300. has been contributed and subscriptions are coming in rapidly. The announcement of the Finance Com mittee has been sent out, and also the Cierculat giving the plan of work.

In view of the willingness of the entire Philatelic press throughout the U. S. and Canada to publish matter relating to the exhibition, the Committee decided that it was not necessary to go to the expense of sending these circulars direct to the Collectors by mail, but to make the appeal and announcement through the papers.

The Government of the United States has granted our Committee sufficient space in the Government Building at the World's Columbian Exposition, to permit the display of a complete collection of the Postoge Stamps of the World.

The expenses incident to the proper arrangement of this Exhibition, including the purchase of suitable cases, will be about $3000. and as it is the desire of the Committee to interest every member of the Association as well as the Collectors of Postage stamps outside of the Association, it has been resolved that the necessary amount be raised by a popular subscription to which every collector will have an opportunity to contribute.

Subscriptions for any amount not exceeding $25. will be welcomed.

Every subscriber of $1.00 or more will receive the official catalogue containing a complete list of the treasures exhibited, which catalogue will be ready for distribution sometime during the summer and the published price of which will be fifty cents.

All subscriptions from members of the Sons of Philatelia must be accompanied by the amount subscribed, and they will be duly acknowledged in this paper, and by the treasurer of the committee, Mr. George H. Watson, 36 Broad St., N. Y. City.

A. R. ROGERS, Chairman,
H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

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Advertisements under this head at the rate of c a word for first time; ½c a word for each subsequent insertion. No ad. received less than 10 words. No display allowed.

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Wanted, U. S. stamps for "Century Magazine" of 1883 Feb. to Aug. inclu., '84, July to Dec. inclu. '85 Jan. to Oct. inclu. '86 except March and Apr. '87 and '88 complete, '89 except Sept., '90 and '91 complete. Ramsay Peugnet, Fordham, New York City.

The Stamp and the Era one year 60 cents. The Stamp and either the Eagle, Eastern, Florida, Detroit or Yankee, for one year for 35 cents. All six for $1. R. P. Spooner, 37 West 32 street, N. Y. City.

300 circulars mailed for 25 cents. James Galen, Bethesda, Pa.

A new Mekeel's $4.50 edition U. S. album, price $4.00. George M. Frame, S. of P. 254, 35 Lindell street, Haverhill, Mass.

A copy of Roger's Philatelic Blue Book and a years subscription to the Stamp for $1, the price of the Blue Book. R. P. Spooner, 37 West 32 st., New York City.

An inch ad. in the Collector, Stamp, Eagle Philatelist and Weekly Philatelist, once $1.60, 3 times $4.25. It covers the continent! Ralph P. Spooner, 37 West 32 street, New York City.

Send 10c for a catalogue of prices paid for old coins. You may have one worth $100. E. L. Shepard, Wellman, Ia.

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EDITOR'S CORNER.

Be sure to read the address of the Chairman of Trustees in this issue.

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What are the intentions of the members concerning the World's Fair Stamp Exhibit. Let us make ourselves felt in this matter. Send in your contributions no matter how small.

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The dastardly attacks made upon our society by two or three members, demonstrates lack of interest in our welfare. What is the meaning of these. Surely they cannot be trying, to eat away our foundation and cause a toppling over?

Such members are a drag upon our growth and prosperity.

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We regret to learn that Mr. E. P. Newcomer's health is again so poor as to preclude him from attending to his correspondence.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co.'s price-list, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed and together with postage, the total cost will be $1,500. the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price-list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Adv.)

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Our librarian's report shows an excellent growth in the quality and quantity of our literature. Members should patronize this department at every opportunity. As Bro. Greene asks, so do we echo: who will present the library with a copy of the "History of the United States Stamps."

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Among the Branch Societies the the verdict is success. We publish each month as many reports as possible, and Secretarys are requested to be as brief as possible. The New York Branch, after over a year of Thursday evening meeting, will be compelled to change the night, on account of the President's attention to the naval Reserve Drills.

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The *Weekly Philatelist* is nearly half a year old, and we feel justly proud of the result of our undertaking. It has always appeared promtly and full of news, and it is still offered at less than 1c per week for yearly subscriptions.

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The *Stamp* is again published from New York, that is, the address on title page has been changed to this. With the April number Vol. II, No. 1 greets the reader's eye.

Fifteenth Auction Sale

OF THE SONS OF PHILATELIA TO BE HELD

MAY 15th, 1893.

Bids solicited by mail. No commission charged for buying. Bid so much for each lot as no lot will be broken. Do not send money with bids, notice will be sent the highest bidders after auction. Stamps marked with * or † are unused. The 1st row of figures is No. of lot, 2nd row, number in lot and last row is reserve price.

No. of lot.	U. S.	No. in lot.	R. price
1	1851, 1c blue	1	
2	1851, 3c red	33	
3	*1856, 1, 3c	2	
4	1856, 3c red	35	
5	1871, 3c rose pink, on env's	6	
6	" 3c red	200	
7	" 3c rose	50	
8	" 3c dark rose	20	
9	1863, 3c [33]; 1872, 15c; 1883, 4c [2]; 1888, 4c [5]	41	
10	*1868, 3c, block of 6, top of one slightly nicked	6	.60
11	1869, 3c blue	31	
12	1872, 3c green background	23	
13	" 3c gr. magnificent copies	20	
14	" 3c green, pair, unused	2	
15	" 6c pink, all fine	15	
16	" 6c carmine, 6c pink, 7c vermilion, all fine	3	.25
17	'72, 15[2], 30[5], 90c[3], all fine	10	
18	*1875, 5c blue, strip of three	3	.50
19	1882, 6c dull red, fine	5	.18
20	*1890, 1,2,3,4,5,6,10,15 and 30c	9	.75
21	1890, 30c, pair, fine	2	
22	another pair, fine	2	
23	1890, 30c, five pairs	10	
24	1890, 4c [8], 5c [20], 6c [3], 10c [5], 15c	37	
25	*Special delivery, 2 var. blue	2	.30
26	* " " 3 var. blue	3	.40
27	*Official Sealed, black on white roul. in color, block of four	4	
28	Louisiana Law, $2.50, $5.00 punched	2	.50

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Entire, unless otherwise stated.

29	1853, 3c, size 138x16mm	1	.15
30	" 3c buff p, light and dark, cut sq	24	.20
31	1861, 3c buff p, cut sq	14	.20
32	1863, 2c black, buff p, cut sq	1	.60
33	1864, 3c white p [12], light buff [12], dark buff [21], cut s	45	.50
34	1864, 3c, five var. of p, cut sq	5	
	" 2c black wrp. 25mm wide	1	.22
	1870, 3c on amber, white, cat. at $2.25, cut sq	30	.30
35	1874, 3c white p [60], amber p [20]	80	.25
36	*1875, 5c blue, wmk. star, white p	1	.25
37	*1875, 5c blue, wmk. star, manilla p.	1	.20
38	*1870, War, 3c cream p; 1874, 3c cream p, 3c blue	3	
39	3c green	517	
40	1872, 2c [48]; 1883, 2c [147]	195	
41	2c brown on manilla, 2c red on white, latter damaged	2	

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42	Angola, 1870, 5, 10, 25r; 1881, 50r; 1886, *5, 2, 5, 50r	7	.30
43	Antigua, *½d, 1d C.A., 1d C.C.	3	
44	— ½d yellow, wove p., not mentioned in catalogue	1	
45	Argentine, 1858, *5c (reprint); 1861, 5, 10, 15c	4	
46	— 1867, 5c verm. (straight lines), 15c; 1873, 60, 90c; fine	4	.35
47	— 1878. 16, 20, 24c; 1884, ½ on 5c; 1888-90, complete except (3) and Prov. (14)	18	
48	— (sun) var. not catalogued	1	
49	Austria, 1850-83, all used, complete except 2	33	.50
50	— '63, 2,5kr, small perfs. (14½)	2	
51	— Newspaper, ten var	10	
52	— — Scott's type 513, blue-green; 516, 2kr brown, wmk.	2	
53	— Lomb. Venice, [4]; Levant, [12]; catalogued at $.64	16	
54	Azores, 1871, 20, 25, 50; 1883, 15c;	4	.45
55	Barbados, 1882, 3d mauve and orange, both fine	2	.45
56	Bavaria, 1mk unperf., 1 mk, 2mk, perf	3	
57	Belgium, 1870, 1c green, vert. laid p., very slight tear	1	
58	*— Postal card, 5c entire	1	
59	Brazil, 1850, 300r, slightly torn; 1866, 60r, perf.	2	
60	— Newsp. 1889, 200, 300r; 1889 10,20,50,100r; 1890, 10, 20, 10r	9	.37
61	Bremen, 2gr, perf., used, outer line at bottom, excellent copy	1	$1.50
62	Br. Col., S. and C. A. only	36	

63 Br. Guiana, 1860, 2c; 1862, 1c black; 1863, 1, 12, 24c; 1876, 12, 24c . . . . . 7 .7c
64 Br. Honduras, 1sh green C. C. 1
65 — *1d C.C., *1d rose, *2 on 1d, *2d rose, 1d blue C.A., 4d C. A. 3 on 3d, 10 on 4d; all fine . . 8 .7c
66 Brunswick, 1853, 2, 3sq; *1857, 4-4sq; 1863, ½gr . . . . . 4 .6c
67 Bucnos Ayres, 1, 2d rose . . . 2 1.1c
68 Bulgaria, 1879, 5c; 1881, comp.; 1882, comp. except 1 (50s is unused), unpaid (3) 16
69 *Canada, env. 1877, 1, 3c entire 2
70 Cape of Good Hope, 1853–'64, 1s green, slight defect in each 2 3.5c
71 — Triangular, 1d red, blue p. nicked, 4d blue, blue p., 4d blue, 5sh C. C. . . . . 4 .5c
72 Cape Verde, 1877–'85, 5, 20, 25, 50, 100, 10, 50, 20, 25, [*2], fine . . . . . 9 .45
73 Ceylon, 1864, 1d blue; 1872, 48, 96c; *1883, 4d lilac, C. A. 4
74 Costa Rica, 40c blue, very fine; 5c brown, *1 on ½r blue, 2 var. 4
75 — Offi. 40c blue, OFFICIAL on ½r blue, lot uncatalogued 2 .75
76 Cuba, 1856, 2rp. wmk and unwmk, fine copies . . . . 2 .30
77 — 1871–'8, 1p, 1p . . . . . 2 .40
78 — 1883, 20c, Scott's No. 115 . 1
79 Curacao, 1873, 2½, 10, 25, 50, 12½ . . . . . 5 .30
80 Cyprus, 2pi C. C., Denmark Offi. comp. but 3ore [6], env., 1869–'71, env. 4s, 4s . . . . 9 .30
81 — 1d red orniments in upper corner, uncat 1
82 Danish West Indies, 1c pair, 4, 7c strip of 3 all on orig. env. cat. 40c 6
83 Denmark, 1851–'85, 48 var. including 16s lilac, and many scarce ones, cat- over $3.25 . 48 1.50
84 Dominica, *½, 2½ C. A., Domin. Rep., 1879, ½r; 1883, 25 on 5c network . . . . . 4 .75
85 Dutch Indies, 1870–'89, comp. but one [18], env. [3] . . . 21
86 Ecuador, Revs., used postally, 1886, 2c; 1887, 1c 2
87 *Egypt, 1st issue 5, 20, 2pi.; 1872, 5pa [used] 1pa 5 1.25
88 France, 1849–'50, 20, 40c, 1fr, 10, 25c, good . . . . . 5 .9c
89 — 1852, "Republic," 10, 25c . 2 .6c
90 — 1853, 1fr lake 1 1.2c
91 French Col., "Cochin China" 15 on ½ of 30c 1
92 Germany, Th. and Taxis, used 8 *[21], N. Ger. Postal Dist. inc. 18kr [17] 38 1.0c
93 Gold Coast, *2d green; Gibralter, 1886, ½, 1d, *10c on 1d . 4
94 Great Britain, '47, 1sh, 5c, 6d fine . . . . . 2 .40
95 — 1856–'62–'65, 1sh; 1867, 5sh; 1869, 9d 1sh, 2sh, 1872–'3, 6d 1sh . . . . . 9 .80
96 *— Env. Registered, 2d ultramarine wrapper, ½d; Scott's No. 801, cut sq. . . . . 2 .20
97 — 1d env. with outside, cut sq 1
98 — [35] Br. Colonies, [675] good lot for dealer 710
99 Grenada, 1875, 1sh nicked, *2½d on 8d 2
100 Guatemala, *1871–'9, 10, ½, ½, 1c; 1882, comp.; 1886, *25 surch.; 1875, env. white p. *½, *1d, all fine . . . . 12 .60
101 *— 1886, surch. 50, 75c . . 2
102 Hamburg, 1¼, 7s perf. used; *1¼s [6 var.], *2½s [4 var.] 12 .35
103 *Hanover, 1859, 3g yellow, 3g brown, 1864, 3g 3
104 *Hawaii, 1884, env's comp. cut with large margains . . . 5 .40
105 Heligoland, 1871, 2sh USED; 1876, *3pf. [double perf.] . . 2
106 Honduras, *1865, comp.; 1878, comp. 4r, 1p are unused 9 .50
107 *Honduras, 1890, comp.; Offi. comp. . . . . 22 .50
108 Hong Kong, 1882, 10c violet, 50c on 48c, $1. on 96c, 7c on 10c, fine . . . . . 4 .45
109 Hungary, 1871, 5, 10; 1888, comp. . . . . 11 .50
110 Iceland, Old Nicaragua, Hayti and Guatemala . . . . . 13 .25
111 India, 1855–'60, ½, 1, 2 [corner clipped], 8a, 8p, 2a yellow; 1865, 2a yellow; 1866, 6a 8p . . . . . 8 .90
112 *India Native States, 35 var. 5 used from 15 diff. states, cat. at $2.70 . . . . . 35 1.00
113 Italy News, 1878, comp. [8]; *1890, comp. [6]; Unpaid, 1870–'4, comp. except 40c [11] 25 .50
114 *Japan, 1st and 2nd issues, 200, 500m, 2s . . . . . 3 .80
115 — 1872–'5, 9 var. (inc. 45s Eagle) cat. at 87c . . . . . 9 .50
116 Japan, 1s black 26
117 — 1s red-brown 35
118 — 2s purple 40
119 — 2s carmine 50
120 — 4s green 30
121 Liberia, 8c blue; Luxemburg, 2c roul., 30c mauve, *1c S. P. brown; Leeward, *½, 1c, 2½c . . . . . 7 .40
122 Macao, 80r gray (both types) 2 .30

123 Maderia, 1871, *5, 25c; Malta, *½ yellow, C. A. (2), ½ green, C. A . . . . . 5 .27
124 Mauritius, 1860, 4d rose, used, fine copy . . . . . 1 .66
125 Meckl. Strelitz, ½ green, 1c mauve . . . . . 2 .85
126 Mexico, 1856, 1-2, 1, 2r; 1864, Eagle, 1, 1, 2c; *1864, head, 1, 2, 4c, 1p . . . . . 10 .40
127 Mexico, 1864, Eagle, 4r green, 8r red . . . . . 2 .60
128 — 1867, 1r green p.; 2r pink, p., surch. Mexico, in gothic type . . . . . 3 .35
129 — 1868, 6, 12, 25, 100 imperf. 6, 12, 25 pin perf., 12c regular perf., 3 var. used and unused 11 1.00
130 — 1872, 12, 25, *6, *30, *100, (damaged) 12c pin perf. . . . 7 1.00
131 — 1874, (6), vert. laid 10, 10; 1881, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50c . . . 13
133 *— 1882, 1, 5, 10, 10 (error), 25, 25 (error), 85, 100, 12, 18, 24c 11 2.00
134 *— 1882, 25, 100c, thin p . . 2
135 *— 1882, 10c brown, unperf. error 1
136 *— 1864, 4 var, pair of each . 8
137 — 1884, 1 to 50c (11); 1885, wove comp., 10 . . . . . 21 .70
138 — 1885, 2c carm., 1c orange, laid p . . . . . 2 .80
139 — 1885, 2c carm., pin perf., 10c orange, unperf 2
140 — 1886-'8, comp., but 20 and 1 on 2 . . . . . 15 .70
141 — 1888, 1, 2, 5, 10, 10 blue, ruled and pin perf . . . . 12 .65
142 — Offi. 4, Porte de Mar, 7, 3 types, sealed '85, D. F. erased, cat. at 80c . . . . . 12 .40
143 *— 1874, env. 10, 25c, uncolored impression cut sq. . . . 2
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